

Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please delete line 2.

The paragraph starting at page 2, line 15, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- The task of the invention is solved in accordance with the ~~characterizing features of claim 1~~ invention in that the connecting means is a material strip tightly connected to the inner side of the tire only in at least one component region of the connecting means. --

The paragraph starting at page 2, line 20, is amended and now reads as follows:

-- An advantage of the invention is especially seen in that the loads acting on the transponder and the substrate are significantly reduced by the type of connection in accordance with the invention. With this arrangement in accordance with the invention, the portion of the thrust stresses and normal stresses transmitted to the transponder are negligibly small. This effect applies likewise for the bending load which acts on the transponder during operation of the tire and is considerably reduced by the targeted decoupling. In this way, the transponder has overall a significantly higher durability. A further significant advantage is the simple retrofit of the tire with a transponder. In tire manufacture, all tires can be provided with

the material strip of the invention as a measure of prevention.
Only after delivery of the finally manufactured tire to the
particular ~~customer~~, customer can a decision be made as to
whether the tire should be equipped with a transponder.
Thereafter, the transponder can be attached to the tire in a
simple manner with the material strip. --